

ETHICS AND LEGAL ISSUES

CS 462

Catalog Description

PREREQUISITE: *CS 310 or permission of instructor.* An overview of the legal, ethical, global and professional issues in computing.

Course Objectives

- To develop an understanding of the legal and ethical implications of computing.
- To become familiar with types of personal and information privacy involved in computing.
- To become familiar with types of computer crimes and laws.
- To develop an awareness of the global issues which affect our profession.
- To develop an awareness of the ethical and professional concerns of computer use.
- To provide a foundation and process for ethical decision making.

Course Materials

- Textbook
 - Title: Ethics in Information Technology
 - Author: George Reynolds
 - Publisher: Course Technology
 - Date: 2006

Detailed Course Outline

Topic		Lecture Hours
I	What is Ethics?	3
II	Ethical Issues in Computing	3
III	Ethical Codes of Professional Organizations	3
IV	Intellectual Property	3
V	Invasion of Privacy	3

Topic		Lecture Hours
VI	Governing and Regulating the Internet	6
VII	Other Global Issues	3
VIII	Societal Impact of Computing and the Internet	3
IX	Computer Crime	3
X	Legal Issues in Computing	6

Course Policy

Class roll will be taken. The necessity to attend class will soon be apparent as daily class participation will be a part of your grade. A major component of the course will be the discussion of ethical concerns involved with computing in the information age.

"All students are expected to attend class fully prepared with appropriate materials and all devices which make noise turned to the off position (e.g., cellular phones, pagers, personal stereos, etc.). Any student behavior deemed disruptive by the professor will result in expulsion of the student from the classroom, with an absence for the day and possible disciplinary action."

All current Jacksonville State University policies will apply.

Course Syllabus

The syllabus for this course can be downloaded [here](#) in PDF format.